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FURTHER CLAIMS RE WHEAT PAYMENT CONSIDERED

REGINA GATHERING FOLLOWS MEETING HELD IN CALGARY

**AFA Delegates Carry Mandate
Calling for More Satisfactory
Final Price**

TO JOINT MEETING

**Minister of Justice Discusses
Situation in Series of
Manitoba Meetings**

Preceded by agreement of the Board of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture in Calgary on Monday, that a further submission be made to the Federal Government at Ottawa with regard to unsatisfactory final price announced for the five-year wheat pool, leaders of farm organizations of the Prairie Provinces convened in Regina on Wednesday, this week. George E. Church of Balzac, Vice-President of the A.F.A. and Ben Plumer, Chairman of the Wheat Pool Board, are delegates from the Calgary meeting.

We go to press while the conference at Regina is in session; and no statement has been issued in its behalf in regard to the discussions by the various delegations and the decisions which may have been reached by the joint gathering.

By M. McDougall, Press Gallery
Leader Correspondent

OTTAWA, April 4th. — Discussion of the wheat contract, the five-year pool and the \$65,000,000 appropriation added to the remaining undistributed balance in the hands of the Wheat Board, is over as far as Parliament is concerned. Some echoes may be heard in the post-Easter session, but only incidentally.

There are certain to be some discussions in the West, however, and in this general assessment of these questions the recent speeches of Stuart Garson, Minister of Justice, to audiences in Manitoba, must have an important bearing. Whatever arguments might be raised on some points discussed by him, he has given a very complete picture, with an assessment of the various factors that have to be taken into account by the individual in coming to a decision on the results of the contract, the operations of the pool and the adequacy of the amount paid by the country.

Garson's Argument

Of the \$65,000,000 settlement, Mr. Garson said that it was in the public interest that this should be paid. Otherwise the faith of the Western farmer in the present methods of marketing grain might be weakened. It was at the same time as high an amount as could be expected by the West in the light of the criticism from other parts of Canada. Of the suggestion that had been made that 25 cents a bushel should be paid, he drew attention to the fact that this payment, with funds still in the hands of the pool, would represent nearly

Canada from Coast to Coast Represented on Panel



At the most successful Forty-second Congress of the Co-operative Union of Canada held in Regina recently, many phases of the expanding movement were dealt with. Above is a panel of officers of Provincial Co-operative Unions who have been in session exchanging opinions. Left to right: A. J. Wirick, B.C. Co-operative

Union; L. L. Lloyd, Saskatchewan Department of Co-operation; J. R. Love, President Alberta Co-operative Union (chairman); Leo Berube, Le Conseil Supérieur de la Co-operation, Quebec; G. D. Hughes, Co-operative Union of Ontario; Alex MacIsaac, Nova Scotia Co-operative Union.

New Jet Aircraft

LONDON, Eng. — A new jet aircraft has just made its first flight in Britain. Named the FD 1, its performance is still secret, but it is an extremely "swept-back wing" craft powered by a Rolls Royce jet engine.

half the total personal income tax collections for the country for the current year. The Government had to determine what was fair and reasonable for all the taxpayers of Canada and for the wheat producers and it was decided that 65 million was fair to all concerned.

Highest Average 5-Year Price

Including the 65 million, the British agreement had helped bring the highest average price for any five-year period on record, and at the same time had protected the U.K. market for the Western farmer. The taxpayers had largely made possible the \$1.83 price for the full five-year pool. This was through the 1 1/4 billion loan and the final payment, which have virtually underwritten the prosperity of the West in the post-war period.

At the close of the war, trading conditions were entirely different from those before the war. After the war there was no world market, in the old sense, for the simple reason "that our customers were unable to purchase our wheat from their own resources" the Minister said. Planned action was essential. The Government made a loan of \$1,250,000,000 to Great Britain, and substantial advances to other European countries. The United States also made loans to Britain, which were larger than Canada's but in proportion to population much smaller. These loans were to help to restore European economy and to ensure a market for our products. The wheat agreement was an essential part of the plan. It was to ensure a market for our wheat and an orderly supply of it to the U.K., which was using our money to pay for it.

Set World's Record for Business Profits

NEW YORK, N.Y. — The largest net profits and the largest volume of sales ever recorded by a private concern in the U. S. were reported last year by General Motors, Limited, with a business volume of over \$7.5 billions and net earnings of \$834 millions, according to the National City Bank.

"Without the loans and the agreement we could not have disposed of our wheat".

Wheat was the only commodity without a ceiling during the war, the Minister told his hearers, and since the war the rise has been in proportion to rise in other prices, he declared. The existence of the agreement, he added, has enabled wheat prices to be kept in orderly relation to other prices and has prevented them from fluctuating widely.

"Fantastic" Estimates of Losses

The "sense of security and the stability that has resulted from the wheat agreement and from the very high average price realized from our crop throughout the past five years is in itself a sufficient justification for the settlement that has been made", the Minister said. Of the "fantastic" estimates of losses that have been made, it is only possible to say money has been lost if we could be sure that the wheat could have been sold at these higher prices, either to the British or anyone else. In his opinion, without the agreement it would not have been possible to dispose of our wheat surplus in the past five years. If we compare prices with American wheat markets, we simply couldn't have sold wheat in the U.S. because of the embargo. Further, the American market had government support. Large quantities of wheat were each year taken off the market and the American Government simply gave this wheat away.

The artificial price in the U.S. was certainly not a world price. Of the
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U.K. GOVERNMENT STATES POSITION RE IRANIAN OIL

**Agreement Revisions Reviewed
Production of Field Doubled
Since 1939**

LONDON, Eng.—The difference between "nationalization" and "expropriation" of an industry is pointed out in a note forwarded from the U.K. Government to the Government of Iran, following the announced determination of the latter to "nationalize" the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company. The Company operates under a negotiated agreement and, the note points out, relying on that security has spent enormous sums of money in development.

Production Enormous

The first concession, state government spokesmen, was granted to an Englishman in 1901, and oil was first struck in 1908. Later the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company was formed and in 1914, to secure fuel oil for the Royal Navy, the British Government purchased £2,000,000 worth of stock. Production is now enormous, having increased from 10 million tons in 1939 to over 20 million tons in 1947.

Under the 1933 agreement, the Company pays the Iranian Government a royalty of 4 shillings in gold on every ton of oil exported or sold; and in lieu of income tax, an extra shilling per ton on the first 6 million tons exported, and less on additional tons. Further, the Company pays the Government an additional sum based on dividends; and, at the end of the concession in 1993, the Government is to receive all the installations of the
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Central Alberta Dairy Pool Section

SLOGAN FOR TODAY: "Test and Weigh and Keep the Cows That Pay"



BUTTER and BUTTER PRICES

By ELLIS A. JOHNSTONE, General Manager

THE recent sharp increase in the prices for creamery butter in most parts of Canada has been the cause of much speculation and in some areas a great deal of adverse criticism of the dairy farmer who produces the butterfat for the creamery butter, and also does this adverse criticism include the industry—those who make and distribute this wholesome dairy product.

Some Needed Information

It has occurred to us that our membership might be interested in receiving some information from its own organization on this item, which information could be placed alongside of other reports that they have and are receiving on butter and butter prices.

Consumer interests, and of course we are all consumers, are at the present time complaining bitterly on the high price, and what is worse still, are saying that butter at present prices is completely out of line with other foods. It is on this statement and also on the history of the item that we would like to write you.

Industry "Shoved Around"

The Dairy Industry, and butter in particular, in the last ten years has certainly been, to use a common phrase, shoved around. Prior to 1941, all dairy products were much below proper values. Then, fairly early in the war, in order to keep down the cost of living, a con-

sumer subsidy was placed on some of the dairy products and ceilings on others. Actually, of course, no industry would complain against any such necessary requirement in time of war, provided of course other industries get a similar treatment.

The history of events clearly indicates that the dairy industry was taken advantage of in this national emergency, and partly, at least, because it was organized in such a manner that it could be controlled and the prices of the dairy products could be held down.

Unfavorable Publicity

Actually, of course, there is nothing wrong with holding prices down, except that the controls were taken off and the products were allowed to resume normal levels, and then the difference in value was, of course, immediately felt by the average consumer, and the industry as a result got unfavorable publicity which actually

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Dairymen-Here's Four Ways to Make \$5,000

WITH less than 5 per cent of our dairy cows being tested for milk production, it is obvious that an awful lot of folks remain unconvinced of the wisdom of testing their individual cows periodically.



"I don't think he's been checking our production very carefully. I've been dry the last two weeks."

No Other Known Method

Frankly, our opinion coincides with that of one of our good friends who told us recently, "If I couldn't test my herd for milk and butterfat production I wouldn't be dairy farming." So far there is no other known method of knowing how much a cow produces and what kind of profit she returns other than through herd testing.

Convincing Figures

Here's some convincing figures, and they are based on 1950 costs and returns in our territory:

A dairyman can earn \$5,000 by milking:

- 14 cows averaging 500 lbs. of fat
- 18 cows averaging 400 lbs of fat
- 27 cows averaging 300 lbs of fat
- 50 cows averaging 200 lbs of fat

The average cow milked in Alberta



"So Sadie was to be turned dry next week. We'll have to teach her to keep accurate records like you do."

produces only about 175-190 lbs of fat, and in order for a man to make \$5,000 he would have to milk a 50 cow herd for 365 days a year whereas if he were milking a good 400 lb. average herd he would only need to milk 18 or 19 head.

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Remember the satisfied dairyman is the one who keeps records.

BUTTER AND BUTTER PRICES

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was not in any way justified.

Three Things

What has happened from the end of the war until the present time? At least three things of major importance

1. Margarine, the butter substitute, was legalized.
2. The government was in the butter business and yet not in it.
3. Prices for the production of other fields of agriculture rose more sharply and up to this time are still rising.

The result of all this has been that

at the present time, on the basis of figures from the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the number of dairy cows on farms in Canada is the lowest in the last twenty years. As a matter of fact, there are just approximately one half million less dairy cows in Canada at this time than there were in 1945.

The reason is that it was more profitable for more farmers to market their dairy cows in the form of beef or to export them as dairy cows, or to divert a bigger percentage of their time and interest to the raising of other crops be they beef, or grain, or grasses. The result: less interest in the dairy and lower milk production, and this adverse trend is still continuing, meanwhile consumption is and has been increasing.

Our statement that the Government was part in and part out of the dairy business is not intended as a criticism; merely as a statement of an actual condition, which we hope our Government will correct, at least from this time forward.

What Government Failed to Do

This past year, by reason of the program they set up for support price, it was natural that the Government would own all surplus creamery butter produced in the flush production season. Inasmuch as they undertook to own the butter, it is our opinion that they should have at the same time undertaken responsibility of seeing that the normal market requirements were taken care of, and this they did not do.

Further, the program of the Government is such that it does not encourage production of butterfat in the period of lower butterfat production. As we understand the situation, one of the chief reasons for setting up such a program is that they do not wish the distributors of butter to make abnormal profit in the wintertime by buying up supplies in the summer for sale in the winter at higher prices.

Did Encourage More Production

Actually, it is our opinion that the government does not need to worry about that, because if they would take the history of butter distributors over the last twenty years, we know it will be revealed that these distributors on the over all did not make an abnormal profit, but at the same time, allowing the prices to rise some in the fall and winter did encourage more production, and therefore, was a benefit to the dairy industry on values and on quantity of production.

Had we had some increase in production this last several months, at least some of the acute shortage at the present time could have been avoided, and much unpleasantness by word and by thought would never have been spoken or occurred. Butter at the present time is in short supply, and therefore higher values. However, it is only quite temporary and taken over the year, the average increase to the consumer will be small.

Should Avoid Future Confusion

A recent announcement by the Dominion Minister of Agriculture indicates that the Government will again support butter prices. This, we think, is in keeping with the majority opinion among dairy producers. In doing so, however, we hope that they will correct their program this year to such an extent that the confusion created by this year's plan will be eliminated; further, that our Government will be satisfied to see values for butter change with the seasons.

It is our opinion that a program can be set up that would give dairy producers

Breaks Record

BRANTFORD, Ont.—Beating a Canadian record that had stood for 18 years, "Dora Colantha", Holstein owned by Arthur Millington, Medicine Hat, completed 305 days production recently with a grand total of 19,472 lbs. of milk. Within a month, however, the record (for junior four-year-old on twice a day milking) was again broken; this time by "Black Face", of the Holstein herd of Fox Bros., Guelph, Ontario, with 20,077 lbs of milk with an average test of 3.94 butterfat.

Savings Combat Inflation

MONTREAL — Discussing the recent agreement of the Canadian chartered banks, after consultations with the Bank of Canada, to follow policies aimed at "curbing further expansion of bank credit during the balance of the current year," the Business Review issued by the Bank of Montreal states that a "major re-emphasis on saving and incentives to save" may be necessary to "combat sustained inflationary pressures."

MORE WAR CRIMINALS FREED

"Two more Germans convicted of taking part in concentration camp atrocities have been released from Landsberg prison, bringing to 39 the total of German war criminals freed by the United States authorities in Germany since January 1st."

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W. D. TREGO GAVE LOYAL SERVICE

Just as our last issue was going to press, and too late for comment, our attention was called to a very brief notice in the press of the death in Calgary at the age of 83, of Willet Dudley Trego.

As an officer in the United Farmers of Alberta, Mr. Trego gave very loyal service to the farm people of this Province thirty to thirty-five years ago. Before that he had worked in the movement in Gleichen, where he took up land on his arrival from Ohio.

Mr. Trego was elected Fourth Vice-President of the U.F.A. in 1915, and was First Vice-President during the following three years. He was a member of the Executive in 1919, and a Director in 1920, when we first met him. He was a loyal friend of the late H. W. Wood, during Dr. Wood's term as president. For many years thereafter Mr. Trego continued to take interest in the movement, and quite recently in letters to the press, commented, with good sense and moderation, upon matters of concern to agriculture and the farm people. We knew Mr. Trego rather well, though we had not seen him often recently, and we respected him very highly. We think everybody liked him.

Hon. J. E. Brownlee, who as solicitor for the U.F.A. was first brought into contact with Mr. Trego in the early days, has sent us from Winnipeg this fine tribute:

"The death of Mr. W. D. Trego on March 11, marks the passing of another of the Old Guard who gave such stalwart service to the farm movement in the early days of the century.

"In my own association with him I was constantly impressed with his great devotion to the cause of agriculture and the complete unselfishness with which he gave of his time and energy as a member of the Executive and Board of the United Farmers of Alberta. Even after he retired from active farming, he showed by his letters an active interest in farm problems and in all those national and international policies which affect the industry. He was a diligent worker in the cause and I was sorry indeed to learn of his death."

PEARSON TALKS THIS WAY NOW

When, in 1950, the editor of a British weekly periodical traditionally devoted to the democratic cause and to free political institutions wrote: "One condition of success for negotiations in Korea is to bring General MacArthur to heel," the Far Eastern Commander's retort was: "That's the way the Communists talk".

What the statesmen and diplomats of many nations had been whispering in the ear in secret, **The New Statesman and Nation** had proclaimed from the housetops. The London editor was maligned in many quarters because he had ventured to break silence upon a matter which, as later events have shown, was giving concern to the State Department at Washington, to the British Foreign Office, to the Government of France, as well as to Asiatic governments.

"Generals in the field," read the article in **The New Statesman**, "must act at their own discretion in matters of military tactics, but General MacArthur's decisions have dealt with

RETIRED

*He dreams of plows the while he plies his spade
To turn the sod and measure out his rows.
Old memories of rolling fields invade
His musing thoughts where neighbor's walls
enclose*

*The patch of earth that he has made his own.
But patiently, with skilled and tender care,
He coaxes little seeds that he has sown
To reach toward the sun and bud and bear.
Thus does he set his garden plot ablaze
With flaming beauty, and before its fires
Finds warmth and comfort for declining days,
And learns what simple pleasures man requires
When age has seen his life-work duly done,
And left him free to loiter in the sun.*

ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON

major matters of policy and have been supported by political statements designed to inflame American opinion and to thwart the intentions of the American administration and the United Nations. There is no hope for peace in the Far East until this situation is changed."

As the butt of the General's ill-tempered remark, the editor paid the kind of penalty that, time and again throughout history, has been paid by those who say the thing that needs to be said—but say it just a little before their more timorous or too discreet fellow citizens are ready to do so.

Of course, that's where courage comes in, and good judgment too. Moreover, it may be quite fitting and useful for a journalist to go on record upon an issue of importance, long before a statesman in a position of responsibility can wisely do so.

The statesman may not be lacking in courage at all. He may be compelled to keep silence for reasons which have no cogency for the writer who is not tied down by the need to negotiate.

Our own Minister of External Affairs, Hon. Lester Pearson, has a reputation for courage; but he occupies a position in which discretion too is called for. Last week end, however, the Minister (with the approval no doubt of the Canadian Government) indulged in a little plain speaking. The unity of the free world, he said, in an address to the Canadian Bar Association, was endangered by UN military men who make "controversial" statements that go "far beyond" their military responsibility, and create "confusion, disquiet and even discord." The specialist, he declared, diplomat or general should stick to his "specialty".

We are inclined to think Mr. Pearson spoke for most Canadians. Britain's position has been made clear too, and to some extent that of France. That is all to the good, for, whatever the relative merits might be of General MacArthur's ideas on "geopolitics" and those of the Governments concerned, democracy itself would be quickly undermined if generals were permitted to dictate foreign policy to the popular Governments by whom they are employed.

One other thing is certain.

The London journalist who took the initiative in emphasizing the importance of the principle involved is deserving of very high praise.

"Cradled in the Waves"

A Book Review

By NORMAN F. PRIESTLEY

Though the Co-operative movement is now well over a century old, and even here in Western Canada takes in its span almost the entire period of settlement by people of the white race, the literature devoted to it is still somewhat scanty. It was therefore with considerable interest that we read the advance notices of the sponsorship by the Co-operative Union of Canada of the book entitled *Cradled in the Waves*, by Dr. J. T. Croteau, a story of the personalities and setting of a relatively recent period in developing co-operative techniques and enterprise in the smallest of the ten Provinces of Canada, Prince Edward Island.

13 Years of Personal Experiences

In this book of 150 pages, published a few weeks ago by the Ryerson Press, Toronto, we have a record of some thirteen years of personal experiences in the building of credit unions and co-operatives on a foundation of adult education by a University extension worker. The story is told with much detail of humorous quality and absorbing interest, particularly so to any reader who has taken part in organizing community enterprises of a co-operative nature. Every social worker and especially those engaged in rural areas will find in the pages of Dr. Croteau's book many reminders of similar experiences of his own. Human nature is apparently much the same whether in Prince Edward Island or in Alberta.

An engaging feature of the book is the frankness with which the author tells about living persons, such as for instance, Dr. E. A. Corbett, formerly of Alberta and now Director of the Canadian Association for Adult Education. The nationally known educational worker, it appears, was one of a notorious family of sons of the manse of whom no good was predicted. The author intimates that people of the country-side in which Dr. Corbett's father served as a minister received with silent criticism the speeches of the man they had known as a boy to be "heading for the gal-lows."

Aids Understanding of Canadian Scene

Apart from its fund of personal reminiscences and revelation of the difficulties which confront a worker trying to arouse people to the possibilities of joint action to improve their economic conditions, the book makes a real contribution to our understanding of the Canadian scene. The reader closes it with the realization that he has been given more insight into the frustrations and the victories of men and women who believe in the application of the principle of co-operation to our complex modern problem of living together, and who attempt to translate their belief in that principle into action.



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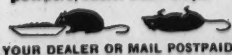
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class 2 price (Canadian), this was sold to South American countries and in Western Europe only to the extent of 89 million bushels in the first two years of the agreement, compared with 340 million sold under British wheat agreement. There was no possibility of selling the whole of our wheat crop at class 2 price in any year of the agreement. The class 2 price applied only to marginal quantities left over after the major market was supplied.

Our loan to Britain and the agreement were closely tied together. It was from the proceeds of the loan paid by the whole of Canada that the wheat crop was purchased in the first two and one-half years of the agreement, and if it hadn't been for the loan the British would have been hard put to purchase our wheat at any price. Then came our own currency troubles. Marshall aid was extended by the United States to Britain and other countries.

"Was Pressure on Britain"

The U.S. had wheat surpluses, and there was real pressure in the U.S. on Britain to use these surpluses, said Mr. Garson. Our wheat was actually excluded from several markets through the use of Marshall aid funds for purchases of U.S. wheat. If it hadn't been for the British wheat agreement the British market would have been taken over by the Americans. Marshall aid money was allowed to be used for the purchase of Canadian wheat under the agreement.

"The bitter truth seems to be that if it had not been for the agreement and other measures we could not have sold our wheat to Great Britain or anybody else in the last two years of the agreement at any price". In 1949, we had 82.3 per cent of the British wheat market, and this year we would have had practically the entire British market if we had been able to fill it, but rice damage has prevented us from supplying even our quota under the international wheat agreement.

It had been very difficult to calculate a final settlement, the Minister added. To find a world price by which it could be measured is an impossibility. Making the settlement required taking into account all relevant factors, and to satisfy the legitimate expectations of the West without casting too heavy a burden on taxpayers as a whole.

Churchill's Advisor Speaks

(New Statesman and Nation, London)

"Our obvious, our supreme and our only aim," said Lord Ismay in the House of Lords on February 22nd, "should be to avoid war." Lord Ismay is not a pacifist, a fellow-traveller or even an anti-American... He was (as General Sir Hastings Ismay, C.H.) Mr. Churchill's personal military advisor during the war and must be counted among the first experts of the subject. His conclusion that to avoid war should be "our supreme and only aim" ... was based on knowledge of the latest weapons, which, he said, would make war "infinitely worse than anything one can imagine... aircraft can carry death, disease and lasting devastation ... over 5,000 miles ... War is not only horrible; it is senseless. It may solve one problem, but it creates two or three others which are equally intractable." ... Since this process is senseless, we ought (Lord Ismay went on) to "continue to strive for conversations with Russia at the highest level. We must talk from strength ... Even if we cannot persuade them to change their ways, we may at least convince them that it is not the object of the capitalist world to encircle them as they think or profess to think ... Although their abiding ambition is to spread Communism throughout the world, their first love is the safety of the Russian homeland; and they will never allow their crusading zeal to involve them in action which will en-

Rural Leadership Course

A second course on Rural Leadership, similar to that held last fall, is being arranged, states Col. E. W. Cormack, assistant director of the Department of Extension, University of Alberta. The course will be held at Banff, probably during the second week of October.

Saunders and Thatcher are the spring wheat varieties recommended for production in the Peace River area.

danger their security. That is why in the two decades between the wars they refrained from any action on a big scale to spread Communism. That is why Stalin made that shameful pact with Hitler in 1939 — he was frightened for the safety of Russia."

ABOUT SEED TREATMENT

While seed treatment will not improve the germination of severely frosted or frozen seed, lightly frosted (bran frosted) seed is likely to benefit considerably from treatment, declares Dr. F. J. Greaney in a recent bulletin of Line Elevators Farm Service. Treatment of damp grain is not recommended; but damp seed-grain that has been carefully and thoroughly dried can, and should, be treated. On no account should formaldehyde be used on damp, frosted, or otherwise damaged seed, states Dr. Greaney. Officially recommended, he states, are Ceresan M, Leytosan, Agrox C, Mergamma C and Panogen. Any of these, he writes, will give effective control of the cereal smut disease, (except the loose smuts of wheat and barley) and of the seedling blights and seed rots of wheat, oats, barley and flax.

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Light on the Wheat Marketing Situation

By LEONARD D. NESBITT

IT is my intention to give you some information about the wheat marketing situation which may shed some additional light on the problem which has raised so much contention in the past few weeks.

The controversial nature of the subject, particularly from a political point of view, makes it difficult to deal with the matter in a detached manner. Nevertheless, the subject is one in which everyone in Canada should be interested, and particularly the people of the Prairie Provinces.

Main Point in Debate

The main point currently in debate is the five-year pool conducted by the Wheat Board, and which included the wheat crops of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, and the Creston and Peace River regions of British Columbia, for the years 1945 to 1949 inclusive. In that period 1,436 million bushels of wheat were delivered to the Wheat Board and sold for \$2,552,333,000.

The Canadian Government has added a payment of \$65,000,000 to this sum bringing the total to \$2,617,333,000. The government's contribution, together with the funds remaining in the hands of the Wheat Board, provides for a final payment of 8.3 cents a bushel on all deliveries to the five-year pool. The entire payment will then be \$1.83 a bushel, basis 1 Northern at the terminal, and the total of the final payment \$120 million.

Three Criticisms

There are three criticisms regarding this settlement: 1, from farm organizations who had asked for a higher final payment; 2, from the taxpayers, principally those in Eastern Canada and on the Pacific Coast, who object to the Government making the \$65,000,000 contribution; 3, from the supporters of the speculative system of grain marketing who claim that such a system would have brought several hundred million dollars additional to the grain producers.

Must Delve Into Background

To have a clear understanding of the situation as it has developed, one must do a little delving into the background. In the latter part of World War 1, the Government of Canada was forced through necessity into the wheat marketing business. During that war the British set up a central wheat purchasing agency which cornered an oversold speculative market, and this resulted in such chaos that the Canadian Government appointed a Board of Grain Supervisors in 1917 to handle Wheat sales.

After the war, Government purchasing on the part of importing nations was continued, so in 1919 the Canadian Wheat Board was set up for the purpose of protecting Canada's position in the export market. That Wheat Board was discontinued in 1920 and free trading was restored.

A burst of speculative activity developed which carried the market up to \$2.85 a bushel for wheat by the middle of September of that year. Thereafter, a decline set in which was continued until Decem-

Recent wheat marketing history — with a glance at the history of marketing in earlier days in the West — form the subject of this important article by Mr. Nesbitt, who is Director of Publicity for the Alberta Wheat Pool. It was originally delivered as an address to the Calgary Rotary Club. —Editor.

ber, 1923, when the price of wheat had dropped to 93c a bushel. That was a drop of \$1.92 in three years.

Serious Depression Followed

The decline in the wheat price was followed by a decline in all farm prices and a serious depression was experienced. During the previous inflation, farm taxes increased 2½ times above pre-war, wage rates 2½ times, freight rates and farm machinery two-thirds above pre-war and other goods and services in proportion. As is customary in a deflation, farm prices dropped faster and further than other prices. In the years after 1920, farm land, which had soared in value, dropped not only as much as it had risen but 27 per cent below pre-war levels. The farm price of wheat in Alberta was 77c a bushel, of oats 35c, of barley 42c, and of cattle \$25 a head and other prices in proportion.

The result of this deflation was calamitous to the farmers. Only too many of them lost their farms, while many thousands were burdened with a debt load at heavy interest for years afterwards. Business in general was in the doldrums and bankruptcies were frequent. Manufacturing plants closed down and thousands were unemployed as a result.

Farmers Asked for Price Stability

There is an old saying that "those who forget history must repeat history." With remembrance of what happened after World War 1, the farm organizations of Canada approached the Canadian Government after World War 2 and asked that an effort be made to avoid a repetition of what had happened. (Continued on Page 7)

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World's Agriculturists Ahead of Statesmen, In Opinion of B.C. Speaker

MISSION, B.C. — As one effective way of settling the problem of world shortages of foods, formation of an international co-operative commodity clearing house was advocated by C. E. S. Walls, secretary of the B.C. Federation of Agriculture, at the recent annual meeting, here of the B.C. Co-operative Union. Agriculturists of the world, who had brought forward such a policy, he said, were ahead of the statesmen in foreseeing the provision of more food for the world's needy people as an answer to the problem of peace. During the two-day sessions delegates asked the Co-operative Union of Canada to re-examine the problem of government instituted controls on all goods and services on an equitable basis; re-convened a standing committee on education; and increased the yearly budget from \$11,000 to \$13,000.

opened after World War I. Wheat being a basic product, its price affects the prices of all other farm products, and if there is to be any degree of price stabilization of farm production, wheat must first be dealt with. The Government, through Prime Minister Mackenzie King, had given assurance during the war years that the farmers, having submitted to low price controls during the war, would be rewarded with price supports after the war.

Federal Government Policy

In September, 1945, the Government announced a plan to set up a five-year pool with a price floor of \$1 a bushel for wheat and a ceiling of \$1.55.

The following year a four-year wheat agreement was entered into between Canada and Great Britain. This provided for the sale of 600 million bushels of wheat to Britain, 160 million bushels in each of the first two years, and 140 million for each of the third and fourth years. The price for the first two years was to be \$1.55 a bushel. The price for each of the third and fourth years was to be negotiated, and here is where that famous "have regard to" clause comes in. The contract stated that the prices for the third and fourth years would be arrived at after having regard to world prices paid for wheat during the first two years of the contract. Actually, this procedure was gone through and a price of \$2.00 plus 6c carrying charge was tentatively arrived at for the last two years. The negotiating parties agreed to leave the final adjustment to the end of the contract period.

World Price for Wheat

There have been disputations as to whether or not there was a world price for wheat in the four year period. One fact cannot be disputed, namely that there has been no open market world price for wheat for the simple reason that no grain exchanges have been operating freely anywhere in the world. Certainly every grain exchange in Europe has been out of operation; a wheat board has handled Australian wheat selling; the Argentine Government has been doing the selling of the wheat production of that country; and the Wheat Board has been in control of marketing in Canada. Only in the United States has relative freedom been granted to grain exchanges, and in that country the Government fixed a floor price for wheat, based on a parity formula developed by the United States Department of Agriculture.

United States Wheat Policy

The parity price program in operation in the United States involved government investment in farm products up to \$4 billion as at last summer, and the ceiling has been raised to 6½ billion. The announced purpose of the parity price program is to maintain prices of agricultural products and farm incomes at a level which will give a standard of living for United States farm families equal to that of the families of those engaged in other occu-

pations in the United States.

The price being paid to U.S. farmers for their wheat is around \$2 a bushel, which the Government of that country calculates is 90 per cent of parity. Now that is a farm price for wheat, not a terminal price, and that is the price which our open market supporters, who are so critical of the Wheat Board's operations, have accepted as a world price. Actually, it is a highly subsidized domestic price at the expense of the United States treasury and the United States consumers. Surplus United States wheat has been given away under the Marshall Plan and through gifts and loans of various kinds. About 80 per cent of United States wheat exports have been on a gift basis. At present wheat exports from the United States carry a subsidy of 76c a bushel.

How to Get U.S. Wheat Price

The question arises whether, under any system of marketing, Canadian farmers could have obtained as high a price for their wheat as did the United States farmers. The only way such a price could have been obtained was through the establishment of a government agency similar to the Commodity Credit Corporation of the U.S.A., which

would have the responsibility of establishing parity prices for wheat and other farm products. In such an event, the taxpayers of Canada would have had to pay the bill.

Calculated on U.S. Prices

You have read and heard the howls of anguish coming up from Eastern Canada over the \$65 million the Government is contributing to the Wheat Board to bring the final pool payment up to 8.3c a bushel. These would be tiny squeaks compared to the earth-shaking roars if the Canadian Government would undertake to bring Canadian wheat prices up to the United States' level. Those who talk of the millions and hundreds of millions of dollars lost by Western wheat farmers know definitely that such figures are calculated on American prices. Only the Canadian Government could provide such price levels in Canada. No speculative grain marketing system could do so. Where would the money come from?

How Wheat Sales Were Financed

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sale of Canadian wheat to the United Kingdom our Government had to extend loans of \$1½ billion, and the United States, through a most friendly gesture, contributed \$470 million of (Continued on Page 13)

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WORLD CHRONICLE

Mar. 15th. — Royal commission recommends that Crow's Nest Pass rates should stay on statute books.

Mar. 16th. — U.K. note to Iran made public; says dispute over oil concession must go before UN; asserts Iran cannot legally nationalize holdings of Anglo-Iranian Oil Company till end of contract. Russia has paid Canada debt of \$2,866,000 this year and agreed to terms of payment of further \$8,689,000. France invites UN assembly to meet in Paris in fall; (suggestion previously turned down on score of expense). West Germany must pay about \$1.5 billions for occupation and defence costs for coming fiscal year. R. G. Riddell, permanent Canadian delegate to UN, dies.



VINCENT AURIOL
(See Mar. 28th)

Mar. 17th. — A military stalemate in Korea might give opportunity for settlement of dispute, says Benegal Rau, during visit to Ottawa. Egyptian newspaper forecasts nationalization of Suez Canal (operated by French company, Britain holding 24 per cent of stock).

Mar. 18th. — Chinese and North Koreans said in retreat. Washington states UN forces will cross parallel when and where necessary to pursue enemy troops.

Mar. 19th. — C.N.R. reports one of its best peacetime years. Schuman plan, for pooling coal and steel, tentatively approved by six countries, including France, Italy, West Germany. Daily Herald, London, says Albania under martial law, due to widespread unrest.

Mar. 20th. — MacArthur reports "substantial gains". Canada votes \$7,250,000 for Korean relief — part of

C.S.G.A. Meets in June

OTTAWA, — The Annual Meeting of the Canadian Seed Growers' Association, Incorporated, will be held this year at the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Sask., June 20th, 21st and 22nd. Officers of the Association are: President, W. H. Baumbrough, Vernon, B.C.; Vice-President, Jas. Farquharson, Zealandia, Sask.; Secretary-Treasurer, W. T. G. Wiener, Ottawa, Ontario.

UN program for spending of \$250 millions. Martial law proclaimed in Iran. U.S. makes new atomic tests on Eniwetok Atoll. Eisenhower appoints Montgomery deputy commander Atlantic Pact army. Pearson says Korean war might end with "undeclared cease-fire."

Mar. 21st. — Russia refuses to return 670 American vessels, obtained under lend-lease; claims had been promised opportunity to buy ships. From Yugoslavia comes report that Bulgarians are fortifying border.

Mar. 22nd. — UN troops said in position to cross parallel. Editor of independent Argentina newspaper *La Prensa* (seized by Peron government) is fugitive from police.

Mar. 23rd. — Ottawa states equipment for one division to be sent to Italy (the third such contribution to arming Europe).

Mar. 24th. — MacArthur offers to confer with head of enemy forces in Korea; says enemy position would be bad if UN permitted "expansion of our military operations." U.S. announces big new atomic plant to be built near Denver, Colorado. Peron says Argentina is producing atomic energy by new, improved method.

Mar. 25th. — South Korean patrols cross parallel in several places. *La Prensa* editor escapes to Uruguay.

Mar. 26th. — Washington states U.S. has no plans to ask UN to extend Korean war to Chinese mainland; also that MacArthur has been asked to give notice of any political pronouncements he intends to make. Owen Lattimore, American expert on Asia, says corrupt Chiang Kai-Shek national government is "thing of the past." Emergency meeting of American republics begun in Washington; Truman calls for co-operation in defence.

Mar. 27th. — Chinese armies said massing north of 38th; U.S.-Canadian agreement signed, for co-operation in civil defence. London reports UN countries with troops in Korea are considering new settlement offer.

Mar. 28th. — President Auriol of France in Washington; says France "wants neither slavery nor war." British press critical of MacArthur's "incursions" into political field. Shawcross, British Attorney-General, protests "whitewashing" of Nazi war criminals. U.S. will be ready in 1953 for "all-out war", along with greater production of civilian goods, predicts mobilization chief Wilson.

Mar. 29th. — Courts are special guardians of freedom of unpopular causes and of individual against mass, declares Justice Rand, of Supreme Court in Toronto. U.S. to sell no more wheat abroad this year at prices provided by International Wheat Agreement. Peiping rejects MacArthur's offer of conference. India turns down new plan for Kashmir settlement.

Mar. 30th. — Reported Britain may propose new declaration of Korean peace terms. Britain's gold dollar reserves trebled since revaluation of pound.

Mar. 31st. — Allied tanks cross 38th parallel, later withdraw. Big Four Deputy Foreign Ministers consider Russian demand that North Atlantic treaty be included in discussions. Draft of Jap peace treaty prepared by U.S. is submitted to Far Eastern Commission; would give Japan position of equality. Pearson, discussing Korean question, criticises "UN commanders" who exceed their responsibilities and

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Recently appointed manager of the U.F.A. Co-operative Store at 125-11th Ave. East in Calgary, John Suits (above) has had extensive experience in co-operative merchandising. He began his career in this field in 1937, by joining the staff of the Eckville Co-operative Association, where he worked as head of each of the various departments, and later as assistant manager. Early in 1943 he joined the R.C.A.F., graduating as a commissioned pilot. Later he was transferred to the Royal Naval Fleet Air Arm, for fighter duties off a carrier. On his return from overseas, Mr. Suits rejoined the staff of the Eckville Co-op., while he continued active in the training of Air Force Cadets. Shortly afterwards, he accepted the position of branch manager of the U.F.A. Co-operative at Three Hills. Two and a half years later he was transferred to the head office in Calgary as merchandise manager, following which he acted as chief supervisor of the string of 21 U.F.A. stores. With his background of extensive training in the retail field, Mr. Suits is well qualified for this new position of responsibility.

whose statements create "confusion, disquiet and even discord."

Apr. 1st. — Britain will insist on full consultation before crossing of 38th parallel, declares Shinwell. Allied tanks shell positions in North Korea, reported from Tokyo.

Apr. 2nd. — Proposed Japanese treaty generally acceptable in Britain, says London despatch. U.S. Senate overrules Truman, says not more than 4 more American divisions can go to Europe without assent of Congress. Washington reports Truman will seek to extend life of ECA (Marshall Aid). Net earnings C.P.R. in 1950 were highest in six years, reported at annual meeting. Morrison, new British Foreign Secretary, says now is "psychological time" to call for Korean settlement.

Apr. 3rd. — Paris despatch says France agrees present is good time to end Korean war. Tokyo says American units crossed parallel today along ten-mile front. U.S. Senate reverses yesterday's vote.

Apr. 4th. — UN forces widen foothold in North Korea to fifteen miles.

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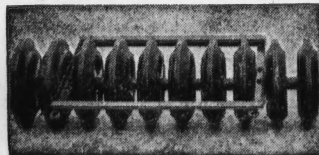
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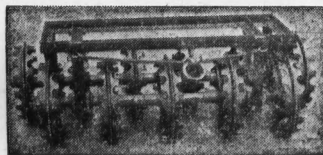
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Records Tumble at Calgary Spring Bull Sale

By LORNE STOUT

EINSTEIN said everything is relativity, and at the 51st annual Calgary Spring Bull Show and Sale heads were shaking at the relatively high prices — all time records — set during the week-long sale. The prices had buyers shaking their heads, while those who had Bulls to sell were nodding in satisfaction.

Record All Time Price

None had better reason to nod than C. D. McDougall of Champion, when his Reserve Champion Hereford, an October '49 Bull, **Lorne Real's D 14D** sold at a record all time price for the Calgary Bull Sale, \$8,200.00, to Austin C. Taylor of Vancouver and the A.C.T. ranch at Kelowna, B.C.

That beat by an even thousand dollars the price paid for W. A. Crawford-Frosts' Hereford Champion **Caerleon Royal Dandy 9D** when it sold at \$7,200.00 to Ernest R. May Jr. of Sunshine, Wyoming. In fact, all three Champions of the Bull Sale went to the United States, as did almost a third of the Bulls sold during the record breaking week. One of the main American buyers was Fred C. Koch of Wichita, Kansas, and among the high prices he paid were two from the half dozen sold by J. M. Campbell and Son, Stavely, who had the top average of the sale at \$3,775.00. Crawford-Frost averaged \$3,700.00.

High Prices For All Breeds

The high prices covered all three breeds, for the Aberdeen-Angus Champion, **Enchanter's Destiny UA** from the

Grand Championship, with his winner selling to Burns at 50c a pound.

Premiums on Finished Animals

All of the juniors and entries in the Open Fat Stock classes drew a premium on their finished animals, for the 74 head sold for a total of \$24,394.00 and the average price was 38.39 cents a pound. In the Shorthorn section of the junior class, Ken Boake of Acme had the Reserve champion. In the Herefords, the Champion was shown by Morley Buyer of Carbon and the Reserve by Robert Hunter of Airdrie. The Aberdeen-Angus champion was shown by Jackie Yorguson of Claresholm, and the reserve by Leon-

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Sells for Record \$8,200



University of Alberta, was sold to Alfred Menke of Saco, Montana at \$2,700.00. Milner & Steer's Old Hermitage Farm at Edmonton had the Angus Reserve Champion **Blackmere of Old Hermitage 3rd**, and it sold at \$1,325.00 to Jack McKinley of Salmon, Idaho.

Shorthorn breeders were particularly pleased when the Champion of their breed, **Rannoch Remembrance** from Tommy Hamilton of Innisfail also set an all time record at Calgary, selling at \$3,500.00 to McArthur Brothers of McArthur, California. The Shorthorn reserve champion, **Beavale Overseer**, from William Stefura of Chipman, brought an even two thousand dollars, with V. R. Partridge of Carnduff, Sask. the buyer. He had been runner-up on the Champion. Also breaking the former Shorthorn price record was a Bull from W. L. Robinson of Vermilion that sold at \$3,100.00 to A. E. Banting of North Battleford.

Previous Records

Those previous records that toppled at the 1951 sale were \$8,000.00 for a Hereford, set in 1946 by a Bull from Onstad of Airdrie, and the Shorthorn record of \$3,000.00 in 1950 for Champion from Melnyk of Chipman. The Angus record of \$3,600.00 held by Ballhorn of Wetaskiwin remained unbroken.

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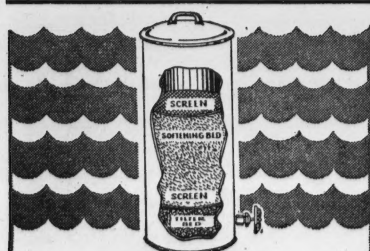
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Dear Farm Women:

"Smile Week", the radio says, is the latest. And probably everyone will have something to smile about and something about which they wish to do very much the reverse. I hope all of you will have much cause for smiling and will also be able to help others, for one of the worst plights in the world, it seems to me is to be in the position when one can no longer help.

Education week was one of the recent weeks. Did all your schools do as they did here, have an afternoon for visitors? Very interesting I found it, but was somewhat surprised that more people had not shown their interest by attending. I think all the generations need to feel and show an interest in the work of the scholars and teachers.

Making Surroundings Pleasanter

One thing I was most glad to note, and that was that the school surroundings were being made more pleasant, especially for the newcomers. There was not the atmosphere of a prison nor the same rigid discipline. And when we entered the French room, it seemed as though French were being made part of the life of the students, not merely a subject where they had to make a certain mark to pass. They were at that moment most lustily singing a French song, and the room had a supply of gay French posters.

Later I came across a boy who was studying Anne Marriot's "The Wind" with its reference to the repeated expected rain. I asked him if he had ever heard the prairie spoken of as "The next-year country", but he never had. I might also add that another boy on being questioned said, "No, I don't like school." On being asked what he wanted to do, he replied "Go to the bush."

The Debate at Ottawa

But what has aroused great interest about Education recently was the debate in the House of Commons regarding Federal Aid to Education. Mr. Knight, the member for Saskatoon, for the third year introduced the resolution asking that Federal aid be given to Education to equalize educational opportunities across Canada. Alberta is of course now one of the wealthy Provinces, but the members from there who spoke were all in favor of it.

While Mr. Knight introduced the resolution, in two previous years it had never come to a vote but was always talked out. By the way, anyone interested in the discussion will be able to read it by writing to the King's Printer, Ottawa, asking for copies of Hansard of February 19th and 22nd—five cents each.

Defeated by Government's Majority

Of the various speakers only two were against the resolution, but when it came to a vote it was defeated largely by a Liberal vote. It was rather amusing, in a sense, to note that the chief argument of the Minister of Health and Welfare (Mr. Martin) whose Department would recommend the expenditure to the Government, was the old excuse that Education is a Provincial responsibility under the ruling of the British North America Act. However, the Minister was reminded by Mr. Drew, and quite rightly so, that exactly the same proviso existed regarding Health, but that from his Department large sums were given to the Provinces for Health. In fact, in a speech he made in Vancouver in 1948, Mr. Martin commented to the effect that provisions could be made regarding health. If for one, why

COMOX, B.C. is the other impossible?

However, it is evident that it is a subject in which more and more Federal members are becoming interested, and it is well known that members of Parliament have a way of keeping their ears to the ground and listening to public opinion. Keep it stirred!

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News of Women's Locals

A sewing machine demonstration, by Miss Reed, is planned by Sydenham F.W.U.A. (Wainwright).

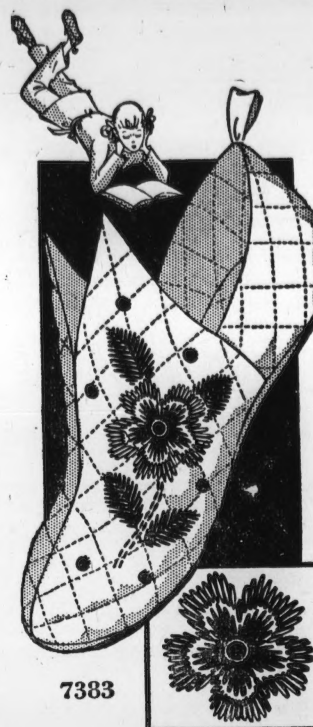
Each member of Dakota F.W.U.A. (Ponoka) is donating a bar of soap and as many diapers as possible, to be sent to Greece.

The sum of \$52.80 was netted from the bingo recently put on by Hairy Hill F.W.U.A., writes Mrs. G. M. Mihalcheon.

Plans for supplying footstools or other furnishings to the Hapna Hospital were discussed at a recent meeting of Wild Rose F.W.U.A. Materials for sewing were distributed and new ideas given for bazaars.

Beaverlodge F.W.U.A. have decided to enter the handicraft display at the next Annual Convention, writes Mrs. Phyllis E. Lossing, and an effort is being made to enroll a First Aid class. (Continued on Page 11)

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FARM WOMEN'S LOCALS
(Continued from Page 10)

At the next meeting, roll call will be answered by members presenting some article for a family whose home was destroyed by fire.

A whist drive at the home of Mrs. Gardner, was planned by Ardrossan F.W.U.A. recently, and a candidate for Stampede Queen was chosen.

The name "Partridge Hill" was chosen for a new F.W.U.A. local at

Young Co-operators to
Have Important Camp
at Festival of Britain

LONDON, England. — "The Woodcraft Folk", a British co-operative youth organization, will take part in an International Children's Camp near Loughton, Essex, in August, in connection with the Festival of Britain. More than 3,000 boys and girls are expected to attend, over 1,000 coming from Austria, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Holland, France and Switzerland. The campers will be able to shop at a children's co-operative store and enjoy performances in an open air theatre. The camp will also be equipped with a hospital, a bank, a laundry, kitchen showers, field telephones and loudspeakers.

Article by Mrs. Ross

An article by Mrs. Winifred Ross of Millet, President of the F.W.U.A., will be published in our next issue. It will deal with the results of a nation-wide survey of practical school education, to be considered at a forthcoming gathering in Edmonton. In the survey special emphasis was placed on Agriculture.

Fort Saskatchewan. Mrs. Ernie Lawrence is president and Miss Margaret Alton secretary.

Soap, diapers and washcloths have been collected by Park Grove F.W.U.A. (Vegreville) for the Unitarian Service Committee, and arrangements are being made to make quilts for the children's ward of the Vegreville hospital, writes Mrs. L. K. Ferguson. At the last meeting reports were presented on the catering for the Farmers' Bonspiel, and a military whist drive — both very successful.

Spruceville F.W.U.A. (Lacombe) are working on a series of short plays which will be presented later in the season, writes Mrs. A. Swarbrick, secretary. A talk and discussion on the County Act was an interesting feature of the last meeting.

An Irish program, arranged by Mrs. E. Burne, was enjoyed by Gleichen

FARM HOME & GARDEN

Food for a Day: Should include at least a pint of milk, an egg, a serving of meat or fish, whole wheat bread, cereal, two vegetables (in addition to potatoes) and two kinds of fruit, states the Department of National Health.

To Pasteurize Milk: Heat to 165 degrees Fahrenheit, then stir thoroughly and cool quickly. Raw milk can carry the germs of bovine tuberculosis, typhoid and undulant fevers.

Asparagus: Is the earliest of vegetables. Every garden should have a few dozen plants. Set 1 foot apart if in a single row, 2 feet apart with rows 3 feet apart, if in a bed. Fertilize liberally with stable manure each year. Start cutting stalks when they are as thick as your thumb, states West End Nurseries' booklet "How to plant", and stop cutting June 1st to 15th to allow bed to build up for next year.

Macaroni Cream Slaw: Cook half a pound macaroni in salted boiling water; drain and rinse. Cool, and mix with 1 quart finely shredded cabbage, 1 cup carrot slivers, 2 tbs. minced onion, ½ cup sour cream, 2 tsp. each salt and vinegar. Chill and serve.

Express Appreciation

Following discussion at the March meeting of the Alix F.W.U.A. Local of the reasons for recent resignations of four members from the Board, including two F.W.U.A. representatives, writes Mrs. Beatrice G. Parby, Secretary, a motion was adopted, to be forwarded to the Board in which the members of the Local expressed "our deep appreciation of the many years of splendid service which Mrs. R. B. Gunn and Mrs. M. E. Lowe have given to our farm organizations; also we wish to reaffirm our belief in their sincerity of purpose in their recent action of resigning from the F.W.U.A. Board." At this meeting Mrs. C. Clark "gave a brief but very interesting resume of Dr. Herman Siemens' Bulletin on Mental Health. Mrs. Van Alstyne became the Local's newest member. Hostesses for the day were Mrs. R. Purkis, Miss Milne, and Mrs. F. Rouse."

An "institutional package" is now offered by CARE (73 Albert St., Ottawa) for shipment to hospitals, orphanages, refugee camps and similar centres in Austria, England, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Norway and India. It contains nearly 1,000 pounds — milk powder, egg powder, butter, cheese, dried beans and canned beef — and costs \$133.

To Produce Shaw Plays

LONDON, Eng. As a special concession, the literary executors of George Bernard Shaw are allowing the performance of 18 of his one-act plays in special Festival of Britain season in London.

F.W.U.A. at their March meeting, writes Mrs. B. McKeever, secretary. Donations were voted to the Junior Conference, the Red Cross, March of Dimes, the Olds convention banquet fund, and 40 yards of flannelette was bought for the "March of Diapers." An enjoyable card party was attended by sixty persons.

A letter protesting the "dumping duty" on British cars has been sent from Wild Rose F.W.U.A. (Carolside), writes Mrs. Solberg, secretary, and wires were sent to Hon. C. D. Howe and the M.P. for the constituency asking for 25 cents a bushel on wheat sold in the five-year pool. Members are buying housedresses from the Disabled Civilians' Workshop.

Roll call was answered by members of Beaverlodge F.W.U.A. recently, by donating diapers for Greek babies; these, with a cash donation for soap, are being sent to Dr. Lotta Hitschmanova, Mrs. Bristow, from Lower Beaver-

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lodge, gave an enlightening talk on the December convention, writes Mrs. Phyllis E. Lossing, the secretary.

Arrangements were made by Ransfurly F.W.U.A. recently for a raffle and dance to be held April 30th, and for a canvass for the Red Cross drive. Members are embroidering linen dresser scarves for the new wing of the Vegreville hospital, Mrs. Tkachuk and Mrs. C. Beamish, hostess to the meeting, served a delicious lunch.

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F.U.A. LOCAL NEWS

Fees for 86 members were recently sent in to F.U.A. head office by Myrnam F.U.A. Local.

Innisfree F.U.A. Local recently collected dues for 45 new members, bringing their total to 114, which doubles last year's record.

"Resolution of expulsion of Messrs. Maricle and Garneau was discussed" reads a report received from the F.U.A. head office, "and the result of the vote showed 75 per cent of members endorsed the Central Board's action. Henry Young was invited to speak at the next meeting. Resolutions were endorsed regarding Producers Marketing Board, Provincial Car Insurance and Rural Electrification."

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The Wheat Situation

By E. PATCHING, Publicity Dept.
Alberta Wheat Pool

World trade in wheat in 1950-51 is expected to reach 830 million bushels, according to a recent estimate of the United States Department of Agriculture. This is 10 million bushels more than exports last year, but substantially below those in 1948-49 when 958 million bushels were exported.

The demand for wheat is fairly good at the present time, largely because of the unsettled world conditions and a famine in India.

So far exports from Canada and the United States are lagging behind those of last year, due mainly to transportation difficulties. Forward sales have been good, however, and it is expected that with the opening of navigation on the Great Lakes the export movement will be speeded up considerably. Because such a large volume of the wheat produced in the Prairie Provinces last year was of low grade, Canada has been unable to meet the demand for top quality wheat.

North American Stocks Higher

On February 1st stocks of wheat in Canada and the United States were substantially higher than at the same time a year ago, while in Australia and Argentina, the other two major exporting nations, supplies were down somewhat. Wheat remaining in Canada totalled 315 million bushels as against 218 million a year ago. A large proportion of this, of course, is of low grade, the disposal of which may require another year or two. Supplies in the United States totalled 577 million bushels as against 531 million a year ago. Argentina had 86 million bushels, and Australia held 124 million bushels.

Preliminary estimates from the United States indicate that another billion-bushel wheat crop is likely this year. Last year's production was 1,027 million bushels. The United States is by far the largest wheat exporting country, and since it is giving away a large proportion of its exports under the Marshall Plan, the size of the United States crop will have an important bearing on exports of other nations.

Crop prospects in Western Canada are much brighter this spring than they were a year ago as there is a fairly good supply of moisture in the soil. Nevertheless, the size of this year's crop will depend largely upon rainfall during June and July. While winter snow was much heavier than usual most of the moisture contained therein will be lost in runoff and evaporation, and will be of little value to the crop.

RECORDS TUMBLE—from Page 9

nard Hochstein of Pincher Creek. In the Open classes, under No. 950, the winners were from Yellowleas Brothers, Crossfield, and reserve from S. Radau, Bowden. J. A. Paul had the first prize winner in the 950-1,100 pound class with L & J Kallal of To-field second. Sam Henderson of Lacombe won the class over No. 1,100 and took the Open Reserve Championship, and second in the heavy class was B. V. Powlesland, Cochrane.

Cattlemen have explained that this year's record high prices are not only a reflection of the buoyant commercial cattle prices, but also indicate a shortage of the best breeding Bulls in Alberta herds.

IRANIAN OIL

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Company and one-fifth of its general reserve at that time.

Since the present Government's policy of limiting dividends resulted in some decrease of revenue to the Iranian Government, in 1949 a revision of the agreement, increasing the royalty from 4 to 6 shillings, was offered, the payment in lieu of income

Livestock Markets Review

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, April 2nd.—Demand for feeder cattle eased slightly last week; good steers priced mostly from \$30 to \$31.50, good heifers \$25 to \$28. Good to choice butcher steers sold mostly \$31.50 to \$33.50, good to choice heifers were \$30 to \$32.50.

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, April 4th.—Trade has been none too brisk, with light receipts due to road bans. Good choice butcher steers sold yesterday \$31.50 to \$33, down to \$28 for common; good to choice heifers \$30.25 to \$32, down to \$27; good cows \$27 to \$28, down to \$23.75, canners and cutters \$19 to \$23.50; good bulls \$28.50 to \$29; good stocker and feeder steers \$31 to \$32.50. Grade A hogs \$33.50, sows \$22; good lambs \$35.50.

A.F.A. NOTES

By JAMES R. McFALL, Secretary

Forum Season Ends.—March 26th was the last broadcast for 1950-51 Farm Forum season. On this occasion the Provincial Secretaries presented brief reports on their winter activities and opinions arising from the various discussions.

To close the season in Alberta, the Farm Forum committee met at the Federation office in Edmonton to survey the winter's work and make plans for the future.

The full committee, which includes Mrs. R. B. Gunn as chairman and Federation representative, Glenn Smiley from Lavoy and Bill Yorgason from Claresholm, were present. Mr. Smiley and Mr. Yorgason are committee members chosen by the Forum groups. The Federation Secretary, who looks after Farm Forum work in the Province was also in attendance, as well as Miss Gray from the Edmonton office.

The committee expressed regret for the limited number of active groups in the Province, but all pointed out that the program has a very wide listening audience.

The program for the summer will include picnics at Elk Island and in

tax and other payments to be increased; under this new agreement payments would have totalled about \$23 millions for 1949.

The new agreement was signed, but as it has not been ratified by the Parliament of Iran, a new offer was made. This would have divided the profits equally between the Company and the Government, and is similar to that concluded at the end of 1950 by the American-Arabian Oil Company with the Saudi-Arabian Government.

The Dairy Market

After touching a high point of 81 cents, a record at least for a considerable number of years, Special Cream has dropped again to 69; No. 1 is 67, No. 2 is 55 and Off-grade 49. Butter, wholesale, is 69 cents locally for prints.

EGGS AND POULTRY MARKET

A drop in egg prices has brought A 1 large to 44 cents, medium 42, pullets 39; Grade A are 39 for large; 37 for medium and 34 for pullets; Grade B are 32, C 27 and crax 25. Poultry prices are unchanged: Grade A chickens, over 5 lbs., are 48 cents; 4-5 lbs. 46, under 4 lbs 42; Grade B are 40 down to 36; Grade C 30 down to 24. Fowl, Grade A, are 39 down to 33 cents; B, 36 down to 30; C, 24 down to 20.

the Claresholm district. The committee will also encourage registration for the Banff Leadership training course to be held at the Banff School of Fine Arts in October. Colonel Eric Cormack and Mr. S. O. Hillerud from the University Extension Service were present to discuss this work. The committee was of the opinion that this work was most valuable in developing rural leadership and would in turn help to organize listening groups as a medium for putting their training into practice.

The next committee meeting will be held at Banff at the time of the Leadership training school.

Surface Rights, re Sand and Gravel.—Our readers will be interested to learn that the Provincial Legislature is considering legislation that will establish the ownership of sand and gravel in relation to the title holder. In a recent court case it was adjudged that the owners of minerals were entitled to sand and gravel and that the owners of the surface of the land were not entitled to the sand and gravel.

It is admitted that this ruling would not necessarily apply in all cases; but it has left our farm people in doubt as to where they stand in this regard. It is the intention of the Government to remove all doubt and to establish the fact that the title holder of surface rights also owns the sand and gravel thereon.

The import of the bill under consideration reads:

"The owner of the surface of the land is and shall be deemed at all times to have been the owner of and entitled to all sand and gravel on the surface of that land and all sand and gravel obtained by stripping off the overburden, excavation from the surface, or otherwise recovered by surface operations."

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SITUATION IN F.U.A.

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Editor, Western Farm Leader,

I wish to comment briefly with regard to the present condition in the Farmers' Union of Alberta. I feel that I can do so with some degree of detachment because I have taken no part whatever in any of the recent discussions. I was not present at the December Convention. I am not an elected officer in the Union. I am proud to be just an ordinary member.

Forty-two years ago, a lad in my teens, I became a member of the old United Farmers of Alberta. Since then I have served in the old Council of Agriculture, the early days of the present Federation and nearly all of the Farm Co-operatives in Alberta. On the basis of this service and experience I am going to make some comments on the present status of the F.U.A. and an appeal to the farmers of Alberta.

My first comment is that in the old U.F.A. I was always proud of the fact that we never enquired of a man or woman as to their color, creed, religion, political or economic viewpoint. All that was required of them was a reasonable adherence to and support of majority decisions within the organization.

My second comment is that the present division is a storm in a teacup which has been magnified out of all sense of proportion of its importance. Things have been said and done on both sides of the question which in the interests of the farm people of this Province would have been much better left unsaid and not done. My appeal is to the farmers of this Province, and I am doing it in all sincerity based on my experience of the past forty years in daily contact with my fellow farmers. Surely in this war crazy world, full of cold wars and hot wars, endless strife and turmoil, there is enough confusion without us adding to it by fighting and bickering among ourselves to the very evident delight of our opponents. There are literally thousands of things the farm people of this Province need and want done instead of wasting and dissipating our energies in useless and disastrous strife among ourselves.

I have known Henry Young for more than 30 years. I know him to be an able man, honest and sincere, with deep-rooted convictions as to the better things for not only the farm people but all humanity. He is no Communist. Today he has one of the most important and one of the toughest jobs in this Province.

Let us rally behind the officers which the last Convention elected (if you do not approve of them, in nine months you will have the opportunity of expressing your desire) to do the vital things that must be done and soon. Let us get together to get a proper payment on the 5-year wheat pool; security in farm prices in relation to farm costs — Farm debt is raising its ugly head again. There is Rural Electrification. There is Automobile Insurance at cost. What about Margarine? Irrigation, both flood and sprinkler. Freight rates and scores of other problems. After all, are we not all farmers together in one of the finest noblest professions on the face of the earth? United we stand. Divided we fall.

Yours very truly,
JACK SUTHERLAND.

Two Useful Bulletins

The first edition of "Water Erosion in Alberta," bulletin No. 56 of the Department of Extension of the University of Alberta, is just off the press. J. A. Toogood and J. D. Newton are joint authors. Another pamphlet received recently is, No. 44 in the same series, "Cropping for Profit and Permanency," by W. E. Bowser and A. G. McAlla, now issued in revised form. Both merit

Some Germination Tests

SCOTT, Sask. — Germination tests of cereal grains from the frost area surrounding the Experimental Station here show that wheat, on the whole, will germinate satisfactorily, it is reported, but this is not so true of oats and barley. Frosted grain sown in soil disclosed considerable failure of plants to emerge with increased depth of seeding.

WHEAT MARKETING (Continued from Page 6)

Marshall Plan funds for the purchase by the United Kingdom of Canadian wheat.

Under the agreement the British took 631,500,000 bushels of wheat, the cost being \$1,090 million.

Sales of wheat to other countries and to the domestic market totalled 803,550,000 bushels which brought \$1,462 million.

As far as can be calculated, the British Government paid in actual cash somewhat less than \$118 million of the total cost of the wheat obtained during the four years. In the first two years of the contract the money was supplied by the Canadian loan of \$1,250,000,000. In the third year, the 140 million bushels of wheat was paid for from United States funds provided under the Marshall plan. In the fourth year the U.S.A. provided \$175 million, leaving about \$118 million in actual cash paid by the British.

Governments in Business

It has been said that inter-governmental dealings bring hard feelings which could be avoided through transactions in the ordinary market. But how could an ordinary market operate under the conditions I have outlined? Furthermore, we are going to have to get used to Governments being in business, probably for many years to come!

It has also been said, and right here in this city not so long ago, that Government participation in business, as exemplified by the Wheat Board's operations, is a trend towards communism. Well, gentlemen, our Government has no alternative. The fact that the United States Government is so heavily involved in farm price support programs provides a precedent that does not escape the observation of our farmers. And the United States Government is not going to get out of that program.

Asked Nothing Extravagant

If there was ever any communism among Canadian farmers it was generated by the ruinous prices and despair of the early 1930s. We are told that we should forget those unhappy years, but it was the fear of their return that induced our farmers to seek government assistance. In so doing they did not ask for anything extravagant.

My personal opinion is that the farmer organizations and the labor unions are the greatest bulwarks against communism in Canada. Without the support of these organizations, the Chamber of Commerce and other business groups would face a difficult task in fighting communism.

Of course, with governments involved in business there is always a certain amount of political trouble which seems unavoidable. But that is a minor difficulty compared with the predicament we would be in if the Government abstained completely from participating in wheat selling.

(To be Continued in Next Issue)

COURSE IN CO-OP MANAGEMENT

REGINA, Sask. — Commencing in September 1951 the University of Saskatchewan will offer a course in the organization and management of co-operatives.

Production of creamery butter in Canada, in February, was 17 per cent less than in February a year ago.

the attention of all interested in the well-being of the farm industry and in the preservation of the greatest asset of the Province, its farm lands.

The Story of the Alberta Wheat Pool

The Alberta Wheat Pool has been of outstanding value to the grain producers of Alberta. The older farmers will appreciate this fact, but many of the younger ones may not fully realize the truth of this statement since they do not remember conditions which existed prior to the formation of the Pool. These young farmers should be interested in learning of the improvements brought about through the presence of a strong producers marketing organization. The Wheat Pool must be kept in a vigorous and healthy condition. It is important that farm people be well informed as to its operations.

"The Story of the Alberta Wheat Pool" in a new, revised edition is now being distributed. If you would like a copy of this pamphlet just write to the Alberta Wheat Pool in Calgary. All grain producers, and young farmers in particular, should read this pamphlet.

ALBERTA WHEAT POOL

Call for Controls Bearing Equally on All Parts Economy

The Annual Congress of the Co-operative Union of Canada, held recently at Regina, called for government controls that would bear equally on all sectors of the national economy.

Incorporation of a Canadian Co-operative Credit Society was approved by the delegates; and the directors were asked to study the possibilities of co-operation in the field on long-term credit. A committee was set up to look into the forming of a national society of co-operative accountants, auditors and legal counsel.

Five-Year Development Plan

A five-year plan of development for the C.U.C. was accepted in principle, to be finally considered by the 1952 congress.

A national committee to supervise the distribution of films on co-operation was approved, and it was

decided to take steps towards production of a film that will give an overall presentation of the movement in Canada.

Friesen Re-Elected

W. Friesen, Rosthern, Saskatchewan, was re-elected president during the closing session of the congress. J. T. McDonald, Sydney, N.S., was re-elected vice-president. Other directors are: D. G. Macdonald, Vancouver; J. Russell Love, Edmonton; J. J. Siemens, Altona, Man.; A. C. Savage, Bolton, Ont.; Geo. Stephenson, Fredericton, N.B., and Jerome O'Brien, Charlottetown, P.E.I.

Test New Grasses

INDIAN HEAD, Sask. — Three new grasses — Russian wild rye, tall wheat grass and intermediate wheat grass — are being tested at the Experimental Farm here, and give promise of usefulness in the park belt area, the intermediate grass for hay and pasture, and the others for summer pasture. Commercial quantities are not yet available.

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We see where a reverend gentleman named Smith somewhere in those grand old United States is reported to have become a father at the age of 101. Ah well, as Longfellow once wrote: "The Smith a mighty man is he."

London despatch states that Canadian buyers have bought fourteen mechanical elephants from an English Inventor. What of it? In the P.G.E.

Railway British Columbia has had a mechanical White Elephant for years.

Our office Cynic says that decorating the Open Door of China with an Iron Curtain may keep the Sunlight of Democracy out.

We notice that Maclean's Magazine sometimes runs a department called "Cross Country." They should run it regularly, for, as the Bad Egg of Crow's Nest says, "This certainly is a cross country."

Perhaps they haven't "contacted" Mr. Webster.

One of the great mysteries of murder mystery stories, says the Knotty Frankie, is why, in addition to the fictional victims, the author has to murder the English language on every page.

TODAY'S DEFINITION

Spring: The season that Hoe's much to the Rake's Progress.

Oh yes, and as you will all be forwarding your new and renewal subscriptions to Mustard and Cress in order to receive The Western Farm Leader's magnificent collection of Gladiolus bulbs, we hasten to offer our optimistic gardeners this advice of Charles Barr: "The best way to get real enjoyment out of a garden is to put on a

wide straw hat, dress in loose-fitting clothes, hold a trowel in one hand and a cool drink in the other, and tell the man where to dig."

POEM

A modest miss ne'er chases man,
For love, for money, house;
But never modest miss has seen,
A mousetrap chase a mouse.
— Wally the incurable Bach.

ALBERTA SPEAKS

I lay as a listless virgin
Unnoticed through the years,
Till I woke from my long, long
dreaming,
And beckoned the pioneers.
They came with their herds of
Cattle,
And tools to till my soil;
And they pierced my land with
derricks,

To secure my precious oil.
I'm a land of balmy weather—
A land of bitter cold.
I possess unequalled sunsets
Of purple, red and gold.
I'm a land of rolling prairie,
And mighty snow-capped peaks.
I'm a land of giant forests,
And rivers, lakes and creeks.

And oh, see my countless grain
fields—
Gold banners in the breeze.
To vaults of my waiting treasure.
I've granted men the keys.
Say, if you will, I'm a braggart,
But do not say I lie,
When I claim no land is better,
Neath God's eternal sky.
— G. REIS, Castor.

The cop on the corner tells us that today there are still plenty of robbin' hoods, but no Robin Hoods, if you see what he means.

Well, Old Man March came roaring in hereabout like the wildest of lions, so here's hoping that lovely April will be able to tame him all right. Anyhow, down in Nova Scotia they think she will, as per the verses which follow.

"O APRIL"

O, April, when you come on dancing feet,
To light spring's torches, do not
be discreet!
Be a bit bolder than you've been
before,
Dispense more fully from your
your treasured store,
Till you have glimpsed perfection's
dizzy heights.

I shall keep tryst that I might
watch you light
Pale lemon candles in green meadow grass,
And I shall bend an ear to hear
you pass,
That I might call to you should you
forego
To set the daffodils' winged
flame aglow,
Or flute pink cups in dainty tulip
mould,
And fringe forsythia's bell-ed
tips in gold.

That night you robe the apple
tree in lace,
In each white blossom I shall
see your face.
And April, tell me, would it be
amiss
If I, on tiptoes, waited for your
kiss?

— Hazel F. GODARD,
Dartmouth, N.S.

Item in "The Wake" of the Calgary Albertan states that a wealthy philanthropist says it's hard work to give away a million dollars. And that, says Cynical Gus, is the kind of hard work I'd consider easy.

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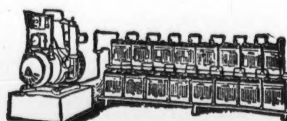
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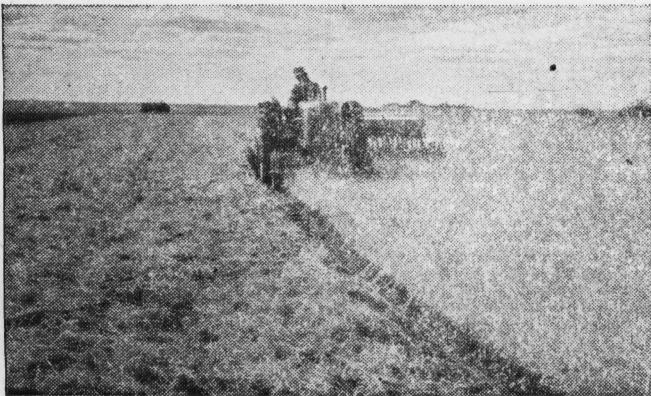
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*When you
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WHEN you consider the men, women and money needed to operate 3,700 branches — you see what is involved in looking after the greatly increased demands made by busy Canadians upon their chartered banks.

In ten years . . . with bigger staffs and higher wages, payrolls have jumped from \$40 million a year to \$102 million

. . . taxes, federal, provincial and municipal, have risen from \$9.5 million to \$20.7 million a year

. . . interest paid to depositors has increased from \$22 million to \$57.8 million a year.

And these are only three of *many* expense items. Yes, today more than ever, it costs money to run a bank.

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